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C) _____ A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 is enclosed for the petition fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

In accordance with § 1.56 and § 1.97 the references listed below and on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these cited documents are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

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